



2020

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church  
Ministry Guidebook and Parish Directory  
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My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It's my pleasure to present the 2020 edition of St. John's Ministry Guide Book and Parish Directory. I continue to be amazed at how ministries and organizations are active here, and I'm certain that everyone can find one in which to participate. I love being the Pastor of this vibrant and growing Church community! The diversity of our parish helps us to be everything our Lord wishes us to be, but it's the participation in the life of the Church that allows each of us to use the gifts that the Holy Spirit has provided. Spend a little time looking through the pages of this book and familiarize yourself with the many diverse opportunities to serve others. You may discover ministries or organizations that you didn't even know existed. Being part of a Parish means so much more than just attending Sunday Mass and contributing to the collection. We're each called to be stewards of not only our financial resources, but our time and talents as well. When we use our God-given gifts in the service of others, all of us benefit. On behalf of the parish staff and all the members of our parish family, know that we feel truly blessed that you have made St. John's your spiritual home.

Fraternally Yours in Christ,

Rev. Bryan K. Lowe, Pastor

## Mass Schedule

### Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 5:30pm  
Sunday: 7:00am, 8:30am, 11:30am, and 5:30pm

### Daily Masses:

Monday-Saturday: 8:30am  
Tuesday: 6:15am  
Wednesday & Thursday: 6:30pm

**Holy Day Masses:** 6:00am, 8:30am and 6:30pm

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Wednesday and Thursday: 5:30pm - 6:20pm  
Saturday: 3:30pm - 5:00pm  
Other times by request

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Every Wednesday: 5:00pm - 6:20pm  
First Friday: 9:00am - 9:00pm  
First Saturday: 9:00am - 10:00am

## Parish Office Directory

### Pastoral Staff

Fr. Bryan Lowe, Pastor ..... 256-722-0130  
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Fr. Anil, Associate Pastor ..... 256-722-0130  
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Amy Tolson, Wedding Coordinator/Asst. Music Director ..... 256-444-4054  
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## Buildings & Security

Frank Bliske, Facility Maintenance.....	330-610-0295
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Joshua Laurita, Building Security.....	256-206-8748

## St. John's Catholic School

Mrs. Sherry Lewis, Principal.....	256-722-0772
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Mrs. Brenda Villarreal, Assistant Principal .....	256-722-0772
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## Administrative Staff

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Denise Shrontz, Receptionist.....	256-722-7929 x105
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## Parish Religious Education Program

Jennifer Colsch, Director of Adult Faith Formation .....	256-722-7929 x109
Jcolsch@stjohnbchurch.org	
Lisa Mason, Director of Religious Education with responsibilities for K4-High School.....	256-722-7929 x108
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Jennifer Farrell, Administrative Coordinator.....	256-722-7929 x106
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## Youth Ministry

Betsy Lashley, Director of Youth Ministry .....	256-325-7596
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## Quick Answers

### Joining the Parish

Registration forms and welcome packets are available after any weekend Mass at the Welcome Desk. You may also stop by the parish office or visit our website, [www.stjohnbchurch.org](http://www.stjohnbchurch.org); click "Our Church"; "Parish Registration."

### Office Hours

The parish office is open Monday-Thursday, 8:00am-4:00pm and Friday 8:00am-1:00pm. The office is closed for most federal holidays, Holy Days of Obligation, Christmas week, and Easter Monday.

## **Change of Contact Information**

Please notify the parish office or visit our website, [www.stjohnbchurch.org](http://www.stjohnbchurch.org) and click “Our Church, then Parish Registration” if you are planning to or have recently moved, changed phone numbers or email address. By ensuring that we have your most current contact information, you will be able to stay up to date on all of the latest parish news, and will continue to receive your weekly offertory envelopes and One Voice Diocesan Newspaper.

## **Baptisms**

In order to have a child baptized at St. John’s parents need to be registered members of St. John’s and attend the Baptism Preparation class (offered on the 4th Sunday of every month). Baptisms are scheduled for every Sunday at 1:00pm.

## **Godparents, Witnesses, and Sponsors**

Have you been asked to be a Godparent? A Confirmation Sponsor? A Best Man or Maid of Honor? Many churches will request a letter or certificate be provided that states you are a Catholic in good standing and capable of fulfilling these important roles. Please contact the parish office to request such a letter.

## **Marriages**

Engaged couples desiring to be married at St. John’s should contact Deacon Dan Laurita or Deacon Greg Thompson at least six months prior to the anticipated wedding date. It is recommended that couples make contact with the parish at the very beginning of their engagement to ensure an orderly and reflective preparation process. Preparation will involve three areas: documents, spiritual formation, and preparing for the ceremony.

## **Funerals**

If you need to arrange a funeral or are interested in funeral planning, please call the parish office.

## **Mass Intentions**

Mass intentions are available for parish weekday Masses for the repose of the soul of a deceased loved one or on the occasion of a serious illness. The person for whom the Mass is offered is remembered in a special way by name in the Prayers of the Faithful, and their name is printed in the parish bulletin among the Mass Intentions listed for the week they will be remembered. If you would like to have a loved one remembered at a parish Mass, please contact our parish office to schedule an available time. Masses can be scheduled within 6 months of the current date.

## **Altar Flowers**

Altar Flowers can be donated in memory of a loved one or to mark a special anniversary. To schedule a weekend or for more information contact the parish office at 256-722-0130 or go to [www.stjohnsbchurch.org](http://www.stjohnsbchurch.org); scroll to the bottom of the homepage; click on “Donate Flowers.”





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### **Sick/Hospital Visit**

Please call the parish office, 256-722-0130, if there is an emergency if you or a loved one are about to have surgery, are in the hospital or nursing home, or have become homebound. The Anointing of the Sick is a healing sacrament available to the young and old, the chronically or terminally ill, and also offered prior to surgery. For an after-hours emergency, please call the rectory at 205-902-9990.

### **First Communion**

Children preparing for First Communion must have two years of active participation in the religious education program (grades 1 and 2), or have attended Catholic school, or an approved Catholic Home School Program. First sacraments are celebrated in the 2nd grade. Families with children older than second grade who would like their children prepared for these sacraments should contact the Director of Religious Education.

### **Confirmation**

Students preparing for Confirmation are required to have three years of active participation in the religious education program (grades 6, 7 and 8) or have attended a Catholic School or an approved Catholic Home School Program.

Confirmation I occurs during a student's ninth grade year with the Theology of the Body curriculum, a chastity education program mandated by the Diocese of Birmingham as a part of the Confirmation preparation process. A process of discernment takes place during Confirmation II, during the student's tenth grade year, with Confirmation usually scheduled in the spring of the tenth grade year.

### **Becoming Catholic**

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the process through which people can learn more about the Catholic faith and prepare for participating in the Sacraments of Initiation - Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Classes are held on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:30pm in the Church basement from September-May. Please contact the Director of Adult Faith Formation by email ([rcia@stjohnbchurch.org](mailto:rcia@stjohnbchurch.org)) or 256-722-7929 x109.

### **St. John's Catholic School**

St. John the Baptist Catholic School was established in 1996 as a non-profit educational institution dedicated to the academic, spiritual, and physical development of every child that has been entrusted to its care. The school is part of the educational ministry of the parish and offers programs for grades K4-8. For more information, visit [www.stjohnb.com](http://www.stjohnb.com) or call 256-722-0772.

### **Nursery**

The nursery is available for young children (age 5 and younger) during the Saturday 5:30pm, Sunday 8:30am and 11:30am Masses, as well as 8:30am Holy Day Masses.

### **Parish Library**

St. John's parish library is located on the basement level. It contains inspirational and faith based books, CDs and DVDs for children, teens and adults. Visit our online catalog [www.stjohnbchurch.org/library](http://www.stjohnbchurch.org/library). Regular Library Hours are Saturday 5:00pm-5:30pm and Sunday 9:30am-11:30am.

### **Annulments**

If you are divorced and would like to pursue an annulment of your previous marriage or would like some information concerning annulments, please contact Deacon Dan.

### **Reserving a Room**

As parishioners of St. John's, we are committed to being good stewards of our facilities, keeping them in a well-maintained condition and welcoming our families to use these facilities to carry out our mission of supporting the Catholic faith. Together we take care of our beautiful buildings and church grounds. Help us by sharing in our commitment of stewardship. The use of St. John's facilities is restricted to appropriate church and school-related activities. The Parish Hall is available to rent for wedding and anniversary celebrations. Please call the parish office to inquire.

### **Prayer Requests**

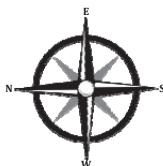
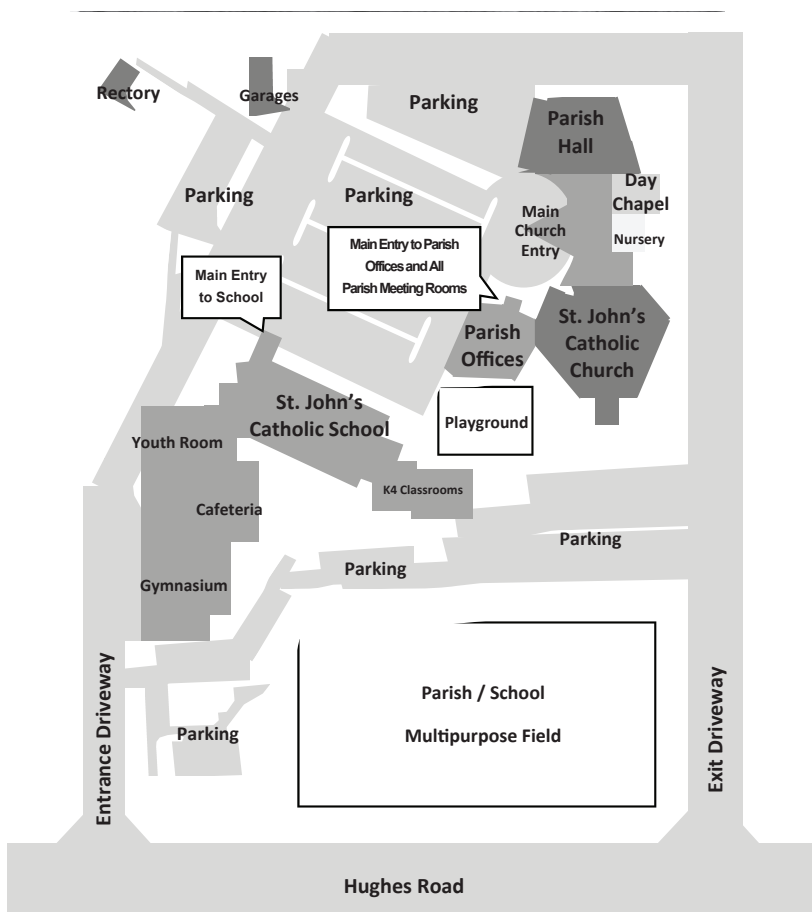
St. John's publishes a list in the bulletin each week of all those who are ill and have requested our prayers. If you would like to add your name or the name of a loved one to this list, please contact the parish office. We cannot publish any names without family consent.

### **Bulletin Notices**

The weekly bulletin, along with our weekly eNews Newsletter, are our primary means of parish communications. Bulletin space is limited to parish and ministry events. Items to be considered for publication in the bulletin can be submitted by email to [parishoffice@stjohnbchurch.org](mailto:parishoffice@stjohnbchurch.org). Notices must be submitted no later than noon on Friday the week before they are to appear. Announcements are generally limited to twice per event and may be edited for space.



# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Campus Map



## Parish Room Locations

### Office Building

Parish Office (Main Level)  
Parish Conference Room (Main Level)  
All Purpose Room (Lower Level)  
Choir Room (Lower Level)  
Mini Purpose Room (Lower Level)

### Church Basement

Church Basement Gathering Hall  
Knights of Columbus  
Parish Library  
Prayer Room  
Scout Room

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# **Councils, Commissions, Committees and Ministries Listings**

## **Parish Pastoral Council**

*Fred Kummer, Chair; 256-479-4460*

*Malory Hilderbrand, Vice Chair; 256-679-2910*

*Deanne Hingel, Secretary, 256-325-6441*

- The Pastoral Council in virtue of Baptism shares in the ministry of leading and animating all the ministries of St. John's Parish.
- Every spring there is a call/invitation for 4 new members.
- The Pastoral Council meets approximately 10 times annually.
- Members, if willing, serve 1 term of 3 years.

*Meets the 4th Monday of each month, 6:30pm, Church Conference Room  
(open meeting)*

## **Finance Council**

*Rick White, Co-Chair, 256-830-2739*

*Annette Gass, Co-Chair, 256-721-5608*

- The Finance Council in virtue of Baptism shares in the ministry of financial management and future planning of St. John's parish.
- Members are chosen by the pastor and serve an unlimited term at the pastor's behest. Officers are appointed by the pastor.
- Each member reviews the full parish financial statements.

*Meets the 3rd Monday of each month, 6:30pm, Church Conference Room  
(closed meeting)*

## **St. John the Baptist Catholic School Board**

*Jon Yobs, Chair, 571-232-9070*

*Cara Sprinz, Vice-Chair, 423-653-0487*

*Christopher Protz, Secretary, 256-520-3874*

- Promotes Catholic education and the concept of lay ministry.
- Serves as a conduit for communications between the pastor, principal, parents, and parish.
- The School Board's responsibilities are advisory to the principal and pastor and include strategic planning, development and formulation of policy, financial oversight, public relations, and curriculum review.

*Meets the 1st Monday of each month, 6:00pm, School Conference Room  
(open meeting)*

## Liturgy Commission

*Bill Pottratz, 256-464-0712 - wkpottratz@knology.net*

- The Liturgical Ministries that serve our weekly Masses call forth a regular commitment to serve as altar server, greeter, lector, Mass coordinator, music minister, or Eucharistic minister. Participants are asked to register with our online scheduling program, which schedules liturgical ministers for the Masses that best fit their schedules. Commitment is confirmed on an annual basis, and training for new volunteers is offered throughout the year.

*Ministry leads meet quarterly on the 2nd Monday, 6:30pm, Church Conference Room*

### Altar Servers

*Michelle Moore, 256-541-1432 - michellemoorekhtn@gmail.com*

- Assist the priest by serving at Masses.
- Open to boys and girls 4th grade and up.
- Altar servers are fully prepared through biannual training and workshops.

### Eucharistic Ministers

*Bill Pottratz, 256-464-0712 - wkpottratz@knology.net*

- Sets up and purifies the vessels for weekend Masses.
- Assists the priest in the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ.
- Assists celebrant when deacon is not present.
- Ministers must be confirmed Catholics and at least 16 years of age.
- Brings Communion to the sick and homebound:

Contact Myra Short - 256-653-4565 - Hospital and Rehabilitation Facilities

Contact Christine Sharp 256-651-3090 - Homebound and Assisted Living Facilities

### Mass Greeters

*Deanne Hingel, 256-325-6441 - curly\_d@knology.net*

- An extension of the ushers, greeters welcome and interact with parishioners and visitors as they arrive and leave Mass.

### Lectors

*Kevin Healy, 256-509-1499 - alahealy1@gmail.com*

- Proclaim the Word of God, and on occasion, the Prayers of the Faithful.
- Ministers must be confirmed Catholics and at least 16 years of age.
- Each lector receives a workbook which contains the year's Sunday readings, and suggestions that help in their proclamation.

## **Music Ministry**

Andrew Tygielski - [atygielski@stjohnbchurch.org](mailto:atygielski@stjohnbchurch.org)

Amy Tolson – [atolson@stjohnbchurch.org](mailto:atolson@stjohnbchurch.org)

- Consists of adult choir, youth choir, and cantors.
- Enhances worship at Mass by providing music.
- Training and preparation are covered during these weekly rehearsals:
- Adult Choir: Meets academic year: Wednesdays from 7:15-8:30pm
- Children's Choir: Meets academic year: Tuesdays from 3:15-4:30pm, grades 2-8

## **Ushers**

Jonathan Jumper, 256-655-9030 – [johnjw101@yahoo.com](mailto:johnjw101@yahoo.com)

- Assist the greeters in welcoming parishioners and seating them for Mass.
- Assist in the weekly collection.
- Select gift-bearers to bring the gifts of bread, wine, and the collection baskets to the altar.
- Distribute bulletins after Mass.
- Straighten up sanctuary after Mass and lock doors when necessary.

# **Other Ministries that Serve the Liturgy at St. John's**

## **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

Maura & Bill Edwards, 256-837-0385 – [wprojectpro@aol.com](mailto:wprojectpro@aol.com)

- The Blessed Sacrament is exposed in the monstrance with committed adorers.
- Exposition hours:
  - Wednesdays: 5:00pm-6:20pm
  - First Fridays: 9:00am to 9:00pm
  - First Saturday: Holy Hour after 8:30am Mass
- Prayer books are available for those who wish to use them.
- "Hourly Captains" coordinate volunteers to serve during a specific hour.

## **Arts & Environment**

Connie Sieja, [scieja@yahoo.com](mailto:scieja@yahoo.com)

- Prepares an artistic enhancement to the liturgical space in keeping with the seasons of the liturgical year.
- Organizes and stores materials.

## Parish Benefactors

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### **Sacristans**

*Carol Hervias – chervias@stjohnb.com*

- Keeps the sanctuary items polished, cleaned and in good repair for all liturgical celebrations in the church.
- Maintains linens, vestments, albs, candles, holy water, carpets, and altar.

## **Education & Spirituality Commission**

*Fred Sharp, Chair, 256-682-1950 - fsharp1950@att.net*

### **Catholic Homeschoolers**

*Stephanie Youso, 256-585-5890 - stephanieyouso@hotmail.com*

- Provides information and support for families new to home education or those homeschoolers new to St. John the Baptist parish.

### **Centering Prayer Group**

*Thea Coats, 256-461-0628, 256-679-2138 - tlcinala@gmail.com*

*Kathy Heckman, 256-489-7389 - heckmankathleen@gmail.com*

- Centering Prayer is a means to deepen one's prayer life by learning to rest in God.
- Centering Prayer is 20 minutes of centering in silence followed by a short reading, reflection, and sharing.
- The group comes together to support one another in this practice.
- All are welcome to join us at any time of the year.

*Meets year round: Mondays, 1:00pm, Prayer Room*

### **Faith in Fiction Book Club**

*Jennifer Culver, 256-722-7929 x 120 - library@stjohnbchurch.org*

- Each month a new book is discussed focusing on themes of faith, virtues, and morality.
- Books are chosen from both current and classical fiction.

*Meets academic year: one Monday a month, 7:00-9:00pm, Parish Library.*

*Check bulletin and web for details*

### **Intercessory Prayer Group**

*Miguel Rodriguez, 256-652-5866 -rodgar3@gmail.com*

- Parishioners write their prayer requests in a book located outside the chapel.
- The Intercessory Prayer Group prays for all requests written in the book.

*Meets year round: Tuesdays, 6:15pm, Prayer Room*

### **Ladybug Rosary Group**

Michelle Pichette, 256-722-1447 - [mpsquid@gmail.com](mailto:mpsquid@gmail.com)

- Meets weekly to pray the rosary.
- Ladybugs is an intercessory prayer group that prays for schools, students, teachers, and staff.
- Prayers are also offered for the parish, the sick, and any other intentions voiced.

*Meets year round: Tuesdays, 8:00am, Church*

### **Library**

Jennifer Culver, 256-722-7929 x 120 - [library@stjohnbchurch.org](mailto:library@stjohnbchurch.org)

- Contains inspirational and faith based books, CDs and DVDs for children and adults.
- To open a library account, a onetime \$10 donation is requested.
- To view the library catalog, go to [stjohnbchurch.org](http://stjohnbchurch.org), Our Church, and then Library.
- Items are checked out for two weeks but may be renewed.

*Hours: Saturdays 5:00-5:30pm, Sundays 9:30-11:30am, Saturday hours depend on volunteers. Contact [library@stjohnbchurch.org](mailto:library@stjohnbchurch.org) to volunteer.*

### **Men of St. Joseph**

Chris Kantack - [ckantack@yahoo.com](mailto:ckantack@yahoo.com)

- A ministry for lay Catholic men dedicated to becoming the spiritual leaders of their families.
- Gathers for discussion of faith and prayer life, giving men new ways to reflect upon their lives to be better servants to God and their family.

*Meets: September - April: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 6:30pm, Mini-Purpose Room*

**May - August: 1st Tuesday only, 6:30pm, Scout Room**

### **Mothers Ministry (SJMM) – [sjmothersministry@gmail.com](mailto:sjmothersministry@gmail.com)**

Kristine Clark, 256-617-8897

Sarah Jones, 865-454-1656

- Fosters the spiritual growth of mothers through faith sharing, discussion and fellowship.
- Catholic books and videos relevant to motherhood and spirituality are discussed each week.
- Nursery is provided for ages 5 and under.

*Meets September through Mid-May: Thursdays, 9:15 – 11:15am, Church Basement*

## **Religious Education and Sacraments for Youth, PreK4 – 12th grade**

*Lisa Mason, Director of Religious Education for Youth, 256-722-7929 x 108 – [lmason@stjohnbchurch.org](mailto:lmason@stjohnbchurch.org)*

*Jennifer Farrell, Administrative Coordinator for Religious Education, 256-722-7929 x 106 – [jfarrell@stjohnbchurch.org](mailto:jfarrell@stjohnbchurch.org)*

- Weekly religious education classes for youth.
- Sacramental preparation for youth 16 years and younger.
- Preparation for First Sacraments take place during 2nd grade.
- First Sacrament preparation for older children (grades 3-10) is offered during Sunday morning session.
- Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation (9th and 10th grade students) require special class sessions. Schedules available in late summer.
- Offers annual week-long Vacation Bible School Program each June.
- Volunteers are always welcome.

*Meets academic year: Sunday Morning Sessions, 10:00am or Wednesday Evening Sessions, 5:30pm, St John's School*

## **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)**

*Jennifer Colsch, Director of Adult Faith Formation, 256-722-7929 x 109 - [rcia@stjohnbchurch.org](mailto:rcia@stjohnbchurch.org)*

- This class serves to introduce inquirers to the Catholic faith and potentially to provide sacramental preparation for adults desiring to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church.
- Participants include:
  - Those who have never been baptized.
  - Those who have begun their Christian journey in other denominations and who have been baptized.
- Baptized Catholics who have not yet completed the Sacraments of Initiation (Confirmation and/or First Communion).
- Volunteers are needed to be sponsors, and to help administratively during class times.

*Meets academic year: Wednesdays, 7:00pm, Church Basement*

## **St. John the Baptist Parish School**

*Sherry Lewis, Principal, 256-722-0772*

*Brenda Villarreal, Assistant Principal, 256-722-0772*

- St. John's Catholic School is a K4-8th grade accredited school committed to faith formation and academic excellence.
- The mission of the school is to prepare students to be faith-filled servants of God and productive citizens.
- To learn more about our school, please visit our website [www.stjohnb.com](http://www.stjohnb.com).

### **Sunday Morning Adult Religious Education**

Jennifer Colsch, Director of Adult Faith Formation, 256-722-7929 x 109 - Jcolsch@stjohbchurch.org

- This class meets on Sunday morning between the 8:30am and 11:30am Masses and presents an educational opportunity for adults to continue their faith formation.
- Class presentations offer a variety of topics and speakers including scripture study, church history, doctrine and devotions, and current issues for Catholics.

*Meets academic year: Sundays, 10:00-11:00am, Church Basement; child care available*

### **Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study**

Kathy Kleinfeldt, 580-351-4362 - kkleinfeldt1@juno.com

- Gathers for prayerful study of sacred scripture and Catholic tradition.
- Fosters faith formation and spiritual growth of women.

*Meets academic year: Tuesdays, 9:15am, Church Basement  
(Occasional summer sessions, see weekly bulletin for details)*

### **Vocations Ministry**

Church Office, 256-722-0130

- Prays for vocation discernment for the youth of our parish.
- Displays posters and other materials that highlight all Christian vocations: priesthood, religious life, and diaconate.
- Highlights and encourages celebration of the National Vocations Awareness Week (November 3-9, 2019).
- Highlights and encourages celebration of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations (May 3, 2020).

*Meets as needed: usually 1-2 months prior to each scheduled event*

### **Wednesday Evening Rosary Group**

Kathy and Joe McCarty, 256-325-0546 - joemccarty.nd64@gmail.com

- Prays the rosary offering prayers for the St. John's community.

*Meets year round: Wednesdays following 6:30pm Mass, Chapel*

### **Wednesday Evening Scripture Study**

Fred Sharp, 256-682-1950 - fsharp1950@att.net

Kora Davis, 256-655-2683 - kora33@att.net

- Studies the Bible in depth to gain a better understanding of what God's word means and how it applies to daily living.

*Meets academic year: Wednesdays, 7:15pm, All Purpose Room  
(Occasional summer sessions, see weekly bulletin for details)*

## **Women Sharing the Word**

*Church Office, 256-722-0130*

- Uses Breaking Open the Word (formed.org) videos as primary study source with additional reading from the Catholic publication The Word among Us.
- Women reflect upon the upcoming Sunday gospel reading through group discussion and faith sharing.
- Members' prayer intentions are shared so they may be included in individual prayer time.

*Meets academic year: Wednesdays, 9:30am, All Purpose Room*

## **Young Adult Book Club**

*Leah Hains - lmhains@gmail.com*

*Adam Harden - hardena@alumni.msoe.edu*

- A group of young Catholics in their 20s and early 30s that gather to grow their faith through the study and discussion of sacred scripture and Catholic literature.
- All young adults, male and female, single and married, are invited.
- Past works the group has discussed include "Mere Christianity" by C.S. Lewis, "The Lamb's Supper" by Scott Hahn, and the Gospel of Luke.
- Discussion of each book is generally spread out over several weeks to allow the group to deeply explore the topics and themes contained within it.

*Meets year round: Tuesdays, 7:00pm, Parish Library*

## **Parish Life Commission**

*Amy Prucnal, Co-Chair - 256-393-8190*

*Cindy Nafus, Co-Chair - 256-529-0156*

## **Bereavement**

**Nancy Everdyke, coordinator, nacolino340@gmail.com**

*Vicki Ladner, Healing Hearts - 228-229-9721*

*Emily Pritchard, Mass for Little Angels, 256-221-5646 - embekah5772@att.net*

- Committee members send cards and CareNotes to parishioners who have experienced the loss of a parent, spouse, child or sibling.
- Sponsors an All Souls liturgy in November for babies who were stillborn or miscarried and for all children who have passed away.
- Plans grief workshops/presentations.
- "Healing Hearts" offers those in the grieving process the opportunity to share their stories and experiences with others who are in similar situations.

### **Care & Compassion**

*Belinda Arnold, 256-655-6484 - arnoldbelinda@yahoo.com*

- Provides home-cooked meals to families afflicted with illness, disability, or in grief.
- Meals are scheduled using the takethemameal.com website.

### **Catholic Infertility Ministry**

*catholicinfertilityhsv@gmail.com*

- Provides information, resources, and support to Catholic families experiencing infertility.

### **Compassion & Cancer Support**

*Kim and Bill Richardson, 256-895-9009 - kimberlyannrichardson@yahoo.com*

- Supports parish members diagnosed with cancer and other life threatening illness by home visits with Communion, telephone calls and/or prayer.
- Offers a summarized list of practical help resources to those affected with/by cancer.

### **Hospitality Teams**

*Leslie Harris, Kitchen Coordinator, 256-722-7929 x121*

*lharris@stjohnbchurch.org*

- Teams of parishioners assist staff and ministry leads plan and execute various parish events.
- Events include, but are not limited to, picnics, donut Sundays, funerals, and sacramental receptions.

*Meets at the beginning of each school year to discuss new ideas for Parish Hospitality Events*

### **Knit One, Pray Too**

*Ann LeRoy, 256-714-6768 - ann.leroy40@gmail.com (Daytime Group)*

*Julie Blair, 256-722-9337 - blairja0@hotmail.com (Evening Group)*

- Knits/crochets prayer shawls, prayer angels, blankets, caps, and bookmarks for those suffering from cancer or other serious illnesses.
- Prays for the ill as well as reads scripture.

*Daytime Group meets academic year: Mondays, 1:00pm, All Purpose Room*

*Evening Group meets academic year: 1st Thursdays, 6:30pm, All Purpose Room*



### **Married Fellowship**

Gene Downs, 256-830-9425 - [gldowns@knology.net](mailto:gldowns@knology.net)

- Builds community among the married couples of St. John's through small-group social gatherings centered on faith-oriented discussions.
- The typical format is Dinner - Discussion - Dessert.
- All married couples in the parish are welcome regardless of age or length of marriage and includes spouses who practice their faith in other church communities as well as those who are not part of any faith community.

*Small Groups typically meet monthly in individual homes; ministry-wide events are scheduled throughout the year on the parish campus. Please see weekly bulletin for schedule updates.*

### **Mommy & Me**

Heather Phillips, 256-508-1525 - [Heather.Phillips2@gmail.com](mailto:Heather.Phillips2@gmail.com)

- Mommy & Me playgroup is a chance for mothers of young children to get together and chat while their children play.

### **Natural Family Planning (NFP)**

Sarah Pitts, 901-826-2009 - [sarah.e.l.pitts@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.e.l.pitts@gmail.com)

Kelly Cody, 434-390-6898 - [rose5727@gmail.com](mailto:rose5727@gmail.com)

- Provides support, encouragement, and information regarding all methods of NFP.
- Welcomes couples currently practicing NFP and those seeking to learn to practice NFP.

*See bulletin and web for meeting times and location.*

### **Nursery**

Jennifer Culver, Coordinator, 256-722-7929 x120 - [nursery@stjohnbchurch.org](mailto:nursery@stjohnbchurch.org)

- Provides care for children aged 6 months to 5 years during 5:30pm, 8:30am, 11:30am weekend Masses.
- Children 3-5 years attend the Sunday nursery school program during 8:30am and 11:30am Masses, registration available online.
- The nursery provides care to support several ministries; refer to the weekly bulletin for availability.
- Volunteers, 6th grade and higher, are always welcome.

### **Prime Timers - Senior Fellowship**

Ann Marie Crosswhite, 256-726-9204 - [hillam@knology.net](mailto:hillam@knology.net)

Dorothy Kaliszak, 256-325-1567 - [ckaliszak@knology.net](mailto:ckaliszak@knology.net)

- Provides spiritual and social programs for all 50+ parishioners.
- Plans monthly social gatherings to include pot lucks, luncheons, theater outings, day trips.
- When possible, coordinates rides to senior events for those who request it.

*Planning committee meets academic year: 1st Thursdays, 1:00pm, Library*

### **Pro-Life & Pro-Family**

*Church Office, 256-722-0130*

- Focus is centered on the Catholic teachings of the sacredness of life, from conception to natural death, and the critical role of family as the domestic Church.
- We support Diocesan pro-life events and programs.

### **Quilting Ministry**

*Mechelle Armstrong, 256-651-1626 – magnolialongarmquilting@gmail.com*

*Beverly Kappenman, 256-325-0832 – bmkappenman@hotmail.com*

- Experienced and beginning quilters celebrate life by enjoying fellowship, learning quilting skills, and making baby quilts to be donated to Choose Life and Catholic Family Services.

*Three sessions per year – each session is 8-10 weeks long, Thursdays, 2:00-4:30pm, All Purpose Room*

### **Religious Gift Shop**

*J.D. DiPoala - diamdjd@gmail.com*

- Many devotional and religious items available for sale.
- Volunteer sales associates needed.
- All proceeds are donated to the building fund.

*Open after each weekend Mass*

### **Special Needs Ministry**

*Mary Kay and Bob Mahan, 256-461-6303*

- Its goal is help all members become active parishioners.
- Look for the Special Needs Ministry Resource Guide in the ministry display board in the church vestibule.

*If you or a family member has special needs, please let us know how we can help improve your parish experience.*

### **St. John's Young Adult Fellowship**

*Vincent Brown, 931-993-5816 - vdb255@gmail.com*

*Dustin Pieper, 636-358-3763 - dfpkd2@mst.edu*

- Young Adults in their 20's and 30's, both married and single, who meet regularly to socialize, grow in faith, and community.
- Activities include bi-weekly video series, First Friday adorations, social gatherings, outings, and movie nights.
- Additional events scheduled through facebook and email.  
Facebook: St. John's Young Adult Fellowship
- For complete schedule of activities, contact the coordinators listed above to be placed on the group email list.

*Meets year round, every other Sunday, 6:45pm, All Purpose Room.*

*Facebook: St. John's Young Adult Singles Group*

*For a complete schedule of activities, contact leads to be placed on email list.*

### **Women's Ministry**

Kora Davis, 256-655-2683 - kora33@att.net

Denise Schovel, 301-755-7708 - dschovel@gmail.com

- Core team members plan dinner events and programs for women to grow in faith and fellowship.
- Events are typically scheduled on Saturday evening following the 5:30pm Mass.

*Meets as needed: usually 3 months prior to each scheduled event*

## **Service Outreach Commission**

Sharon McFalls, Chair - mcfalls5@att.net

### **Baby Basket Ministry**

Sharon McFalls - mcfalls5@att.net

- Provides prayers, support, and needed baby items to crisis pregnancy agencies and mothers in need.
- Donated items may be placed in the baby basket next to the nursery.

### **Habitat for Humanity**

Wayne Sovocool, 256-503-6981 - wsovocool@gmail.com

Irene Garoppo, 256-830-5989 - igaroppo@knology.net

- A parish ministry, joined ecumenically with local Christian churches, to build homes in our community for families in need of assistance. We demonstrate our love for Christ through this apostolic action.
- Parishioners experience fellowship with like-minded Christians, while also learning skills and gaining experience that can put to use around their own homes.

*Construction begins in early spring and will be announced in the bulletin.*

### **Meals on Wheels**

Susan Kollman, 256-722-8520 - mark.kollman@att.net

- Working with a partner, volunteers bring meals from the Madison Senior Center to the elderly and homebound.
- Please arrive at the Madison Senior Center (located at 1282 Hughes Road) on your assigned Tuesday of the month at 11:15am.
- Additional delivery and assembly support needed other days. Call Vickie Parker at 256-722-6258.

### **St. Joseph the Worker Job Networking Club**

*Ed Snow, 256-837-6174 - [jobclub@stjohnbchurch.org](mailto:jobclub@stjohnbchurch.org)*

- Meetings are open to anyone who is a job seeker.
- There is no cost.
- Meetings are an excellent opportunity to learn and to network with others who can help with your resume, or make contacts for job openings that are advertised, and some that are not yet advertised.
- Volunteers are needed to serve job seekers: speakers, resume review, coaching.

*Meets year round: Tuesdays, 12:30pm, Church Basement, please park in the lower parking lot.*

### **The Giving Tree and Giving Cross**

*Annie Brasseale, 256-651-0687 - [annie.brasseale@gmail.com](mailto:annie.brasseale@gmail.com)*

*Alison Callahan, 256-682-7863 - [macallahan82@gmail.com](mailto:macallahan82@gmail.com)*

- This group collects Christmas presents for the needy of the Madison County.
- Gifts are collected in the church foyer and distributed to several charities in Madison in time for Christmas deliveries.
- Distribution date for 2019 is scheduled for Monday, December 9th.
- During Lent, items in need are collected and distributed to selected charities.

*Organizational meeting held in September - to be announced - please see weekly bulletin for schedule updates.*

## **Youth Commission**

*Phillip Benefield, 256-682-9977 - [philip.benefield@nasa.gov](mailto:philip.benefield@nasa.gov)*

*Rob Geist, 256-694-0649 - [robertg718@aol.com](mailto:robertg718@aol.com)*

### **American Football & Cheerleading League**

*Jay Spencer, 703-399-6244 - [rjayspencer@gmail.com](mailto:rjayspencer@gmail.com)*

- Parish-sponsored athletic program, open to all members of the parish, school, and local community.
- Teaches the fundamentals of football and cheerleading in an environment that reflects Christian values.
- Organized and promoted through participation in American Youth Football (AYF).

*Meets in the fall at various times at Pope John Paul II High School; contact Jay Spencer for complete details.*

### **Life Teen/High School Youth Ministry (HSYM - Grades 9-12)**

Betsy Lashley, 256-722-0130 - [sjym@stjohnbchurch.org](mailto:sjym@stjohnbchurch.org)

- Life Teen strengthens our teens' Catholic identity, while rooting them firmly in Christ and in His Church through community, prayer and the sacraments.

*Meets Sundays, 3:00-5:30pm (academic year) and Wednesdays, 5:00-7:00pm*

- Social Media: @sjhsym
- Church Website: Click on Youth

### **Junior High Youth Ministry (JRYM - Grades 6-8)**

Robin Harwell, 256-289-3833 - [jrym@stjohnbchurch.org](mailto:jrym@stjohnbchurch.org)

- JRYM provides a safe fun place for youth to find solid Catholic community, to get answers to their questions about faith, and, most importantly, to experience Jesus in a profound and personal way.

*Meets academic year, Sundays, 1:00-3:00pm, School Building*

### **The Core Team - Youth Ministry Volunteers**

Coordinator: Betsy Lashley, 256-722-0130 - [sjym@stjohnbchurch.org](mailto:sjym@stjohnbchurch.org)

*The Core Team is the group of volunteers that support the work of youth ministry at St. John's.*

- Anyone can read small group questions from a piece of paper, but fewer people have the courage to enter into the life of a teen and help guide them closer to Christ. Still fewer people can turn a small group into a conversation and a place for trust and community. The Core Team is the backbone of youth ministry and a successful ministry requires vibrant Core Members. Be the person you needed when you were younger. Join the Core Team!

### **Boy Scout Troop 350**

Dave Johnston, 256-830-1871 - [johnston5@knology.net](mailto:johnston5@knology.net)

Mike Schovel, 301-755-3951 - [mcs0008@gmail.com](mailto:mcs0008@gmail.com)

- Program is youth-led with guidance provided by trained adult leaders.
- A wide range of activities dealing with service, citizenship, health, finances, first aid, and outdoor skills prepare the boys for life beyond scouting.
- Open to boys 11-18 years old and requires no previous scouting experience or qualifications.

*Meets year round: Mondays, 6:45-8:15pm, School Cafeteria*

### **Cub Scout Pack 350**

Jennifer Tresnan, Committee Chair - [jennifer.tresnan522@gmail.com](mailto:jennifer.tresnan522@gmail.com)

- Provides a positive safe atmosphere where scouts will grow and develop.
- Objectives are citizenship training, character development, out-of-doors skills, and personal fitness through activities that are fun and exciting.
- Open to boys in K-5th grade.

*Pack Meeting: Meets academic year: 3rd Tuesday, 6:30pm, school cafeteria*

*Den Meeting: Meets academic year: individual dens meet on various days at various times, school building*

### **Girl Scouts**

Nicole Rohling, 301-775-6849 - [nicole.rohling@gmail.com](mailto:nicole.rohling@gmail.com)

- Girl Scouts build girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place.
- Troops meet weekly for activities of fun and service.
- Girl Scouts has levels for girls in grades K-12.

*Individual Girl Scout Troops meet on various days at various times, Parish Campus*

### **Venture Crew 007**

Keith Kosan, 850-687-0009 - [kosanfamily1@att.net](mailto:kosanfamily1@att.net)

- Venturing, part of the Boy Scouts of America, is a co-ed, high adventure organization for youths who have graduated from 8th grade through age 20.
- Venturers participate in activities such as snow skiing, white water rafting, backpacking, camping and other high adventure activities.
- Venturers develop friendships and life and leadership skills.

*Meets year round: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 7:00pm, School Library*

## **Facilities, Grounds & Security Commission**

Michael Delmas, chair, 256-457-1477 - [mrdelmas@aol.com](mailto:mrdelmas@aol.com)

### **Part-time Facility Maintenance**

Frank Bliske, 330-610-0295 - [fbliske@stjohnnbchurch.org](mailto:fbliske@stjohnnbchurch.org)

- Appointed by the pastor.
- Repairs and maintains the church buildings and equipment.

### **Grounds Maintenance**

*Knights of Columbus*

- Appointed by the pastor.
- Develops and maintains the grounds around the church property.



### **Building (Future) Committee**

*John Shrontz, 256-971-1363*

- Appointed by the pastor.
- Oversees all construction and renovation on the church grounds.

### **Security**

*Joshua Laurita, 256-777-3600 - joshualaurita@gmail.com*

- Appointed by the Pastor.
- Planning and execution of parish wide safety and security policies.

## **National Organizations**

### **Cursillo Ultreya**

*John & Robin Kutsor, 256-658-2425 - jdkutsor@yahoo.com*

- After a weekend encounter with God, Cursillistas meet in small friendship groups where they discuss and are challenged and encouraged on their faith journey.
- The Cursillo Charism, approved by the Catholic Church in 1971, stresses that its members live what is fundamental to being a Christian through friendship.
- Once a month, the entire St. John's Cursillo community meets for a witness talk and fellowship. The meeting is called Ultreya and brings the Cursillistas at St. John's together to grow in friendship and strengthen their community.

*Meets year round: 4th Thursdays, 7:30pm, All Purpose Room*

### **Knights of Columbus**

*Jerome Villareal - 361-542-8293*

- Works closely with the St. John Parish, School, local Madison community, and the surrounding area in providing tangible resources as needed.
- The members of the council participate in the life of the parish through personal spiritual growth, support for religious vocations, right to life activities, and aid to individuals in need.

*Council 10232 meets year round: 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 7:00pm, Knights Room*  
*Assembly 2420 (Patriotic Order) meets year round: 2nd Thursdays, 7:00pm, Knights Room*

### **Legion of Mary**

*Sam DiPiazza, 256-556-0756 – [sam@dipiazza.me](mailto:sam@dipiazza.me)*

- The object of the Legion of Mary is the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active co-operation in Mary's and the Church's work.
- The Legion sees as its priority the spiritual and social welfare of each individual.
- The members participate in the life of the parish through visitation of families and the sick in their homes, nursing homes, and/or in hospitals.

*Meets year round: Saturdays, 9:30am, All Purpose Room*

### **St. Vincent de Paul**

**Betty Ryan, 256-213-6562 - [hapigolucki@hotmail.com](mailto:hapigolucki@hotmail.com)**

- Members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul strive to grow spiritually by showing God's love and mercy through works and deeds.
- An essential precept of the Society's work is to provide help while conscientiously maintaining the confidentiality and dignity of those who are served. We offer tangible assistance to those in need on a person-to-person basis through weekly visits in both Madison and Madison County.
- Other special works and behind the scene projects include the backpack program of providing food for school children to take home on the week-ends; purchasing groceries and stocking the pantry; Wheels for Working Program; and the Christmas food and present project.
- In addition, St. Vincent de Paul recognizes we must assume a role of advocacy for those who are defenseless or voiceless.

*Meetings are year round: Tuesdays, 6:30pm, All Purpose Room*

### **UAH Catholic Campus Ministry (CCM)**

*Campus Ministry Lead: Betsy Lashley, 256-722-0130 - Email Address: [catholicministry@uah.edu](mailto:catholicministry@uah.edu)*

- The purpose of UAH Catholic Campus Ministry is to provide fellowship with other Catholic students; to provide opportunities to explore topics related to the Catholic faith and spiritual growth; to provide opportunities to stay engaged in the sacramental life of the church via on-campus meetings, Mass and Reconciliation.
- Social Media: [@uahccm](https://twitter.com/uahccm)
- Website: <http://tinyurl.com/uahccm>